

REMARKS

New claims 4 through 12 are amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. 101.

Reconsideration of all claims is respectfully requested.

If for any reason, the Examiner should deem this application not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action in the interest of moving the prosecution forward efficiently.

January 3, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rashida A. Karmali". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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